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OCCUPATION AND MASSACRE IN EAST TIMOR

Creation of an International Scientific Chain of Protest

Dear Colleague:

East Timor is a non-self governed territory, in a island close to Australia. Although the other (western) part of the island is Indonesian, the influence of the Catholic Church and of Portugal since 1515 has created a completely different culture in his people. While more than 80% of the Indonesians are muslins, more then 80% of the timorese are catholics.

Until 1975 East Timor was a Portuguese colony. After the April 1974 democratic Revolution in Portugal, the Portuguese authorities started the decolonization of the territory. In July 75 a law has established the calender for free elections in order to promote the self-determination of the territory.

To imped the territory to be free and independent, Indonesian Government instigated the instability and finally invaded the territory the 7th December 1975. In 1976 they declared the occupyed territory integrated into Indonesia, against the resolutions of the United Nations Assembly and Security Council that have affirmed (22nd, December 1975) and reaffirmed (22nd April 1976):

"the inalienable right of the people of East Timor to self-determination and independence (...)", and that *"calls upon the Government of Indonesia to withdraw without further delay all its forces from the Territory"*.

According to the International laws, Portugal is still the governing power, until the process of self-determination will be concluded.

Since the beginning of the occupation, more than two hundred thousand (200,000), in a whole population (in 1975) of about seven hundred people (700,000), have been killed. Many others have been emprisoned, beaten and tortured, and many women have been rendered sterile by the occupying power.

In November 12th the Indonesian militaries perpetrate a new massacre killing about one hundred people, most of them students between 10 and 25 years old, and imprisoned and very severely tortured many others. About one hundred timorese more have been killed after imprisonment. One New Zealander has also been killed, and three journalists (two Americans and one British) have been severely beaten.

The International Scientific Community could play an important role in this matter, so we ask you, to send a copy of this letter to other ten colleagues in your or any other country around the world, in view to create an enormous chain, with the final objective of collecting signatures, which will be sent to the Secretary General of the United Nations, the President of the U.S.A., the Prime Ministers of Japan, Australia, and The Netherlands to ***"protest against the present situation of occupation and massacre in EAST TIMOR"***.

In order to defend the RIGHT to SELF-DETERMINATION and HUMAN RIGHTS of the Timorese People, we ask you, before you start work in your Laboratory or University to *"Loose"* five minutes and send this appeal to other colleagues (if possible ten), please answer this appeal as soon as possible. The 15th February we will send your answer to the Secretary General of U.N.

We hope that voices of the Scientific Community can influence the future of the massacred people of EAST TIMOR.

Sincerely Yours

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"I protest against the present situation of occupation and massacre in EAST TIMOR".

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APELO DA COMUNIDADE CIENTIFÍCA

" OCCUPATION AND MASSACRE IN EAST TIMOR
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Decorreu a partir de Novembro de 1992, após os trágicos acontecimentos em TIMOR, um apelo da Comunidade Cientifíca no sentido de "protestar contra a presente situação de ocupação e massacre em TIMOR-LESTE".

Este apelo a ser enviado ao Secretário Geral das Nações Unidas bem como ao Presidente dos Estados Unidos da América e aos Primeiros Ministros do Japão, Austrália e Holanda, visa sensibilizar as autoridades acima referidas, no sentido de defenderem nas instâncias internacionais o direito à vida, à segurança e à livre expressão do povo de TIMOR-LESTE.

O referido apelo recolheu 2200 assinaturas da Comunidade Científica, distribuidas por 43 países, das mais importantes Universidades e Laboratórios dos cinco continentes.

Os países que mais contribuiram para o apelo , para além de Portugal com metade das assinaturas, foram os EUA, a Itália a Holanda e o Brasil.

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